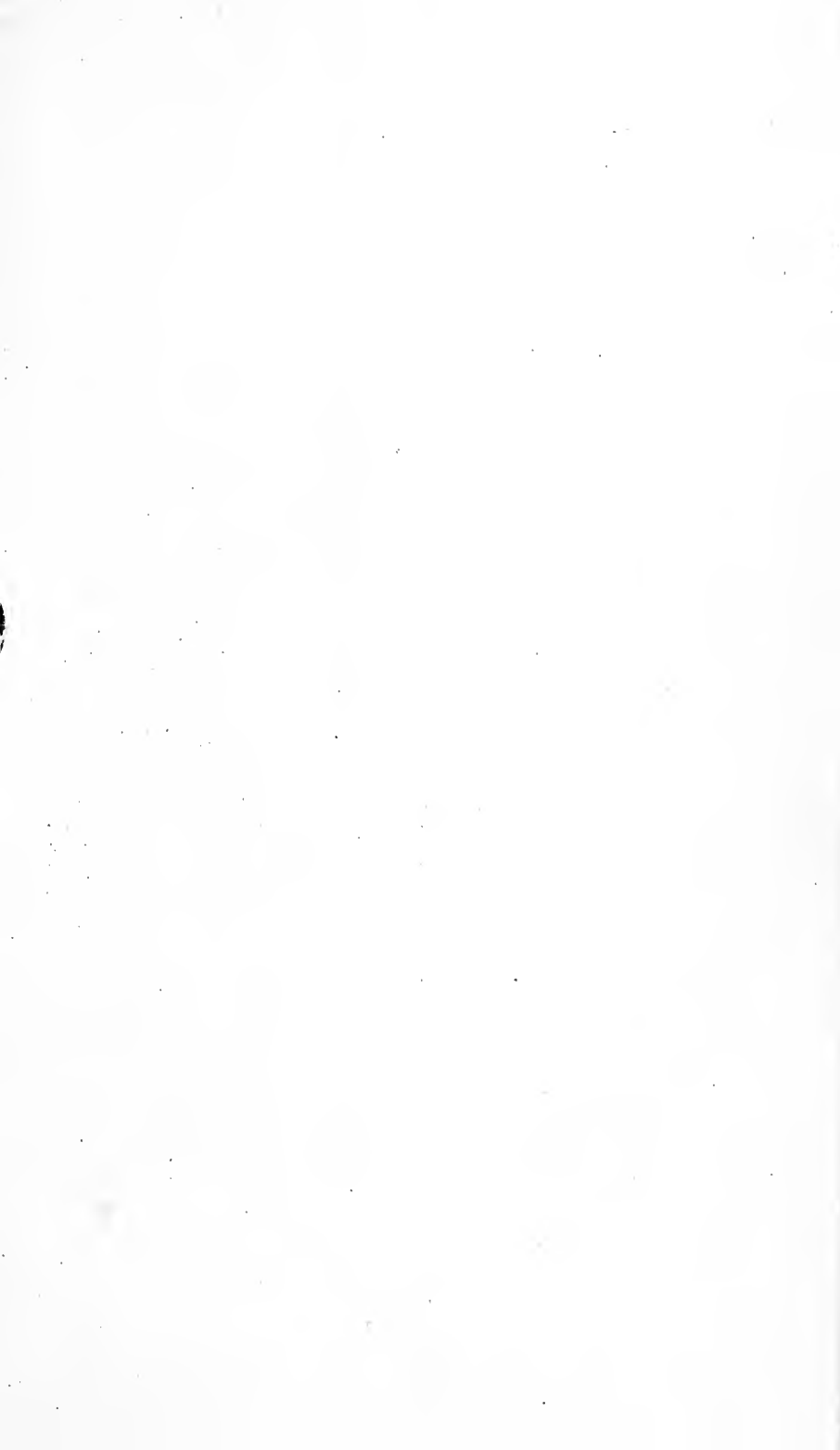


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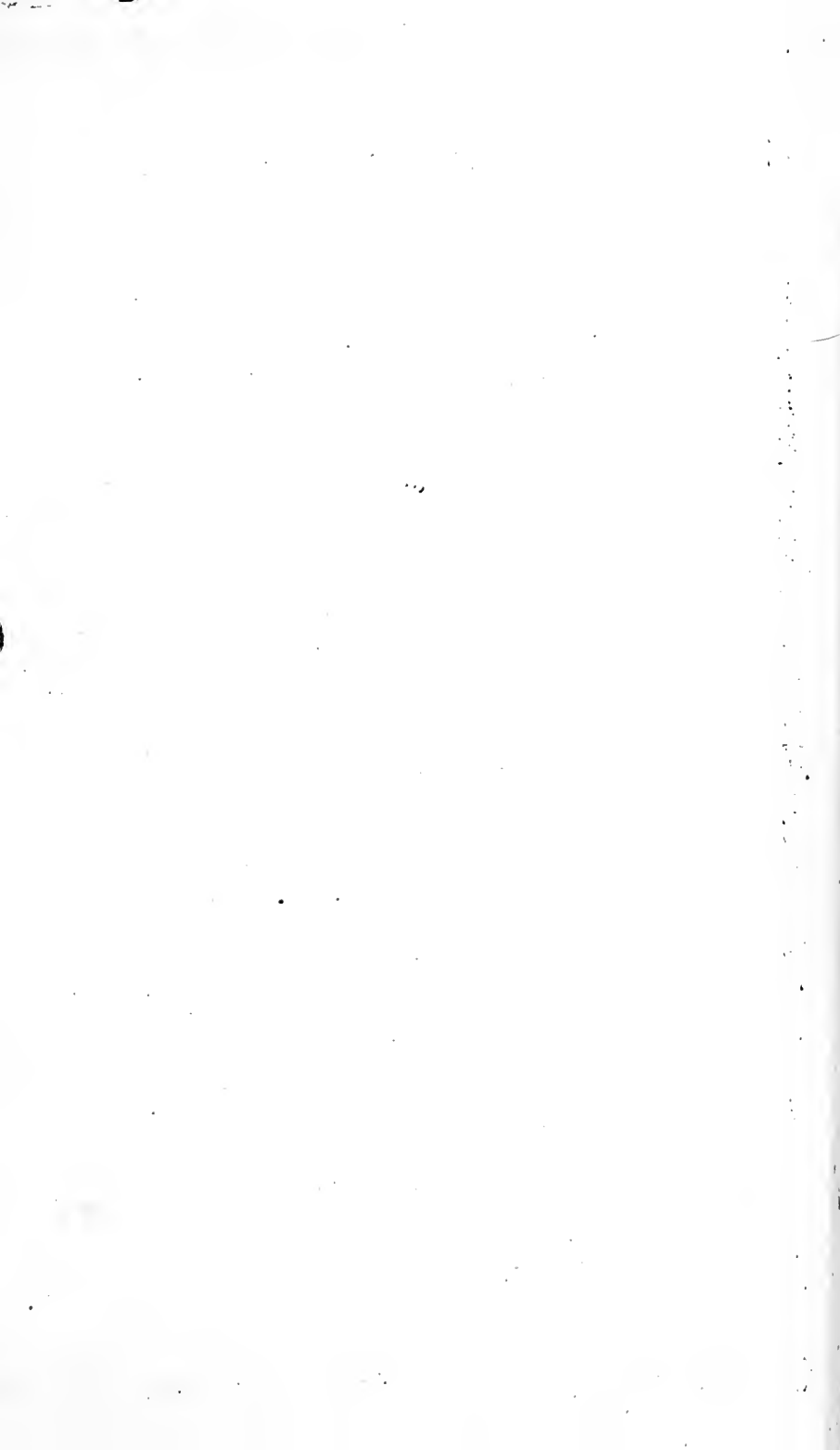
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1835.

The Convention met, according to previous appointment, at Oakmulgee Meeting House, Perry County. The introductory sermon was delivered by Brother J. H. Devotie from Isa. ii, 1, 2.—After public prayer, Brother H. Holcombe, the President, took his seat, and A. J. Holcombe was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

Enrolled the names of delegates as follows. The names of ministers are printed in small capitals, licentiates in italicks—absentees marked thus *

From Canaan Asso.—H. HOLCOMBE, *H. H. Rockett*, HENRY COX,

O. M. PETERSON and W. H. HOLCOMBE.

Tuskaloosa So.—H. W. MIDDLETON and J. A. Hodges.

Perry Co. So.—JEREMIAH REEVES, S. J. LARKIN* & M. Reeves.

Marengo Co. So.—P. P. BOWEN,* S. G. WILLIAMS,* Thomas Ringgold,* J. H. Croom, E. Prince,* N. Smith,* W. H. Lawrence and Joseph Pack.

Mulberry Asso.—S. W. Appison, J. E. LUMNER and R. Wood.*

Bethel So.—THOMAS WILLINGHAM.

Shiloh Fem. So.—S. G. Bailey, M. Reeves.

Bethlehem So.—ALEX. TRAVIS, J. H. SCHROEBEL,* L. Scott, and K. HAWTHORN.

Annual subscribers who appeared and took their seats, were Brethren

CHAS. CROW,	Lemuel Butler,	A. J. Holcombe,
JOSEPH RYAN,	W. B. Haralson,	G. W. Baines,
N. HAGGARD,	William Ford,	S. B. Thomas,
W. M. Farrar.	JNO. DENNIS,	Abner Stone,
A. B. McWharter,	C. H. Cleaveland,	W. T. Hendon,
D. P. BESTOR,	GEO. EVERETT,	W. McAdams,
J. H. DEVOTIE,	Mathias Dennis,	Joseph Prestrage,
J. G. Davenport,	A. W. Jackson,	P. McAdams,
Thos. Chiles,	F. Adair,	Jno. Sorrell,
J. L. Goree,	A. C. Horton,	Green Jackson,
J. Y. Jackson,	Geo. Hoppor,	Jno. McAdams.
Reddick Sims,	JNO. CRUMPTON,	E. B. Crow,
Abijah Dennis,	J. R. Haggard,	C. A. Dennis,
J. H. Dunn,	Martin Haggard,	C. Ferguson,
J. P. Crow,	James Sims,	GREEN RIVES,
James Brazer,	A. G. McCRAW,	Thos. Haynes.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers, whereupon, the following were duly elected, viz: H. Holcombe, President, C. Crow, and Joseph Ryan, Vice Presidents, A. J. Holcombe, recording Secretary, D. P. Bestor, corresponding Secretary, and A. G. McCraw, Treasurer.

Committees were appointed as follows, viz: Crow, McCraw, Everett, Dennis, McAdams, Goree and Adair, to arrange the preaching. On Domestic Missions, Ryan, Bestor and Chiles. On Foreign Missions, Travis, Crow and Devotie. On the Agency, Crow, McCraw, Croom, Appison, Pack and Hawthorn. On Nomination, Bestor, Horton, Ryan, A. J. Holcombe and W. H. Lawrence. On Arrangement, Bestor, McCraw and Pack, with the President and Secretary. To examine the Historic Records of the Convention, as prepared by Brother H. Holcombe, Bestor, Horton and McCraw.

Brother Bestor, on behalf of the Committee appointed last year, to revise, correct and amend the constitution and to draft rules of decorum for the Convention, presented the same, which will appear in another place. Adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, Nov. 9.

The Convention met, and after prayer by Brother Bestor, proceeded to business.

The committee on arrangement, presented their report by Brother Bestor; which was received and they discharged.

The report of the corresponding secretary, was presented and received, which is as follows:

Brother President—

In compliance with the duties assigned to the corresponding secretary of this Convention, I now submit the following report—

I have attended to all the business committed to me by the Convention, have carried on an extensive correspondence, particularly with persons, who have been anxious to know the condition of our Manual Labour School, the time of its opening for the reception of Students, and the prospects of its future success and usefulness.

Benevolent Societies are multiplying throughout the world. In those countries where religious liberty is enjoyed, the influence of our holy religion is beautifully illustrated in the increasing number, effort and success of these institutions.

Bible Societies, through the cheapness of paper, and the facilities of printing, are enabled to carry the sacred scriptures, by thousands to the four quarters of the world, by which distant Nations, in their own language, hear of the wonderful works of God. Those sent to preach the Gospel cross every ocean, visit the most distant Nations, penetrate the savage wilderness, and land upon the sea-beat islands, urging the large family of Adam to follow the banner of the Cross, to feel like brethren, and to join in praising Immanuel. Already, from Pagan lands, hallelujahs break upon our ears, and we anticipate the day when the mountains of Asia, Africa, and our own western wilds, shall echo the praises of our God.

Sunday Schools are springing up in almost every neighborhood,

giving innocent and useful exercise to the idle and wicked, instruction to the ignorant, opportunity for improvement to the busy, and pouring a stream of good, into the habitation of poverty, of vice, and of ignorance, not easy to be estimated. The cause of Temperance advances, nor can it be staid by the lovers of strong drink. Many fountains of poison are dried up. Many streams cease to flow.—Thousands are restored to temperance, to health, to industry, and to a sound mind. More than these are prevented from a vice and a habit, which leads to poverty, to disgrace, to crime, to disease, and to a premature grave.

There is an increasing interest throughout the world, upon the subject of education. It is believed that our political and religious liberty, depend upon the diffusion of useful knowledge. In our own State, schools are multiplying. It should never be forgotten, that the general diffusion of knowledge, depends upon many schools throughout the country, placed within a reasonable distance of every man's dwelling. In many of our towns and villages, academies of reputation and success, are located, where those who aspire to the higher and nobler arts, can be taught the tasteful and ornamental branches of education. Our State University sustains a high reputation, both for moral and intellectual worth. And while slander and prejudice are busily engaged in destroying the character of its worthy Principal, the candid, judging from the productions of his pen, and his calm, able, and dignified deportment, believe that the success of the University, depends upon his being sustained.

The Manual Labour School, under the immediate patronage of this Convention, is not yet in operation. A Steward and one Professor are obtained, but those employed to erect buildings progress slowly, so that suitable accommodations are not yet provided for the reception of Students. It is hoped that an efficient Board of Trustees, after this meeting, will immediately make preparation to put the school in operation, in the first month of the coming year.

The Plantation selected, is most favorable. The site for buildings is beautiful and salubrious. The whole property, embracing the farm and the available subscriptions, is estimated to be worth not less than twenty thousand dollars. With these pecuniary means, with many Students anxious to crowd into the Institution, with an increasing interest and liberality towards it, and with the prospect that God will smile upon our efforts, this Convention may go forward, confident that the great cause in which we are engaged will prosper, and that the stream of benevolence widening and deepening by multiplied rills, shall swell to a mighty river.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. P. BESTOR.

The report of the proceedings of the Trustees of the Manual La-

hour Institution, was presented by their Secretary, Brother A. J. Holcombe, which was received and is as follows:

Brother President—

Shortly after your last meeting, a contract was made to clear out the campus for the Institution, at forty dollars, which was done in due time.

In January, all the cleared land on the premises, (supposed to be about 200 acres) was rented at four dollars per acre. The dwelling house was also rented a part of the year, say seven months, at \$12 50 per month.

In March, a contract was made for the erection of six Dormitories, consisting of two rooms each, which will accommodate near 50 Students. The sum to be paid for them, is two thousand seven hundred dollars. A house on the premises, has been repaired and fitted for a dining room, and also furnished with tables and seats, at an expense of two hundred and forty dollars.

An engagement has been made with Brother W. L. Williford, late Professor in Jackson College, Tennessee, to undertake, as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, for a salary of one thousand dollars, and the use of 20 acres of land for cultivation.*

Brother Bestor, has been chosen Professor of Theology—no salary stipulated—is requested to enter the Institution so soon as his present engagement shall have expired; but has not agreed to accept the appointment.

Mr. James Packer, has been chosen Steward and Farmer, with a stipulation of five hundred dollars salary, (all provisions, &c., being furnished by the Trustees) has accepted the appointment, and will probably arrive here about the first of January next.

A contract has lately been made for building a Professor's house, which will cost about one thousand four hundred dollars, and will probably be completed about the first of March next.

The following summary will show the amount of expense incurred during the year past, (except some small items, which I need not here mention) also the income, viz:

Six Dormitories at \$450 each,	-	-	-	\$2700
Dining Room and appendages,	-	-	-	240
Professor's House,	-	-	-	1400
Cleaning Campus,	-	-	-	40
				<hr/> 4,380

INCOME ON THE PROPERTY.

Land Rent,	-	-	-	-	\$800
House Rent,	-	-	-	-	85
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

* Brother Williford has arrived with his family, and is now on the premises.

The former Secretary having failed to make report of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, Brother Bestor was requested to state what was done at their last meeting. He stated that, at that meeting Brother S. D. Worthington, resigned his agency, and that Brethren A. G. McCraw and J. W. Wilson, were appointed agents.

The report of the committee on Domestic Missions, was presented by Brother Ryan, which was received, and is as follows:

Brother President—

The committee to whom was referred, the subject of Domestic Missions, having had the same under consideration, is of opinion that the Convention should enter actively into the measure of propagating the Gospel in the destitute parts of our country. There are several reasons why we have come to this conclusion: it is proven to us by the clearest testimony, that where our brethren have united and sent out their missionaries, that they have not failed to procure the means to support them; and that God has owned their labors, by building up his church in different parts of our country, none will doubt; and that there are yet many parts of our State, almost, if not entirely destitute of the gospel, some of our brethren, now in the Convention can testify. In some parts, there is such a scarcity of preachers, that not a few of the churches are entirely destitute of regular preaching. We do not wish to call the attention of the Convention from other objects; but we are of opinion, that if you were to send out two or three domestic missionaries, well qualified for the work, that it would ultimately advance the other objects held in view. We are not prepared to give any information relative to the funds in hand designed for that purpose, but believe they are sufficient to authorize a beginning, and we are fully persuaded, that the means will increase in proportion to your efforts. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions, was called for, but they not being prepared to report, it was ordered that they report to-morrow.

The committee on nomination, by Brother Bestor, presented their report, which was received—the names of the Trustees and Directors, will appear in another place.

The committee to whom was referred, the Historical Records of the Convention, as prepared by Brother H. Holcombe, reported by Brother Bestor, that they had examined the same, and found them satisfactory; which report was received.

On motion, it was agreed, that the writer be requested to continue the history one year longer; which he consented to do.

The reports of the travelling agents were called for, presented and received; * the result of whose labors is embraced in the Treasurer's report.

* The report of Hosea Holcombe, was given in detail, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes; but it has been lost or mislaid by the superintendant.

Brethren W. H. Lawrence, W. T. Hendon, R. Sims, J. A. Hodges and A. C. Horton, were appointed a committee of Finance, to act in conjunction with the Treasurer, and report to-morrow.

The committee on Agency, reported by Brother Horton, as follows, viz :

Brother President—

Your committee attach much importance to the subject of the Agency, believing that on it depends the dissemination of correct impressions, and the final success of the Literary Institution under the patronage of the Convention. Experience now shows that the acquisition of means to effect the objects of your body, is rendered more successful by an efficient Agency.

Your committee recommend that three travelling agents be appointed, whose business it shall be, to communicate correct information relative to the Convention, and to solicit subscriptions for the benefit of the Institution of Literature and Industry. It is farther recommended, that these agents be men of known piety, talents and industry, who can command respect as members of society, and attention as possessing ministerial gifts. We would recommend Brethren Bestor, Holcombe and Travis, as being well qualified to be your agents.

In addition to these views, it is farther suggested, that Brethren McCraw and Horton, be also appointed local agents, and requested to continue their useful efforts for the benefit of the Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of agents, whereupon, Brethren Holcombe, Travis and Bestor, were unanimously chosen travelling agents, and Brethren Horton, McCraw, Hawthorn, Hinton, Haralson, Pack and Davenport, local agents.

WHEREAS, certain individuals, mostly residing in the northern part of these United States, calling themselves abolitionists, but who are properly called in this country, fanatics, have formed themselves into societies, for the purpose of interfering with the relation of master and slave, and of acting through the press upon this relation :

Therefore, Resolved, unanimously, by the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, in full assembly met, That we regard with feelings of strong disapprobation, the proceedings of such fanatics, believing that their efforts are inconsistent with the gospel of Christ ; are calculated to oppress the slave, to arm the assassin to shed the blood of the good people of our State, and to alienate the people in one State from those in another, thereby endangering the peace and permanency of our happy republic.

Resolved further, That we learn with much satisfaction, that many of our northern brethren are correctly informed upon this subject, and are exerting their influence to stop the progress of these incendiaries.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of this Convention, be instructed to publish these resolutions in the newspapers of this State, also the Evening Star of New York, and the Biblical Recorder of Newbern, North Carolina.

Resolved, That we recommend our brethren generally, to encourage the circulation of the *Southern Religious Intelligencer*, about to be published in Tuscaloosa. ✕

WHEREAS, Brother H. Holcombe, has been requested to continue the Historic Records of the Convention, the Manual Labour Institution, and all such other matter as he may deem expedient.

Therefore, Resolved, That the clerks of all the Associations in this State, be requested to forward a copy of their Minutes to him at Greensborough, Alabama.

Viewing with deep regret and sorrow of heart, that there is so little attention paid to the Ministers of the Lord Jesus, and that the greater number of them are engaged in the common avocations of life, in order to procure a livelihood, instead of attending more diligently to the duties of their high calling; and believing that such a course of procedure is really robbing God of what he justly claims at our hands. Therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, That we do earnestly, and in the simplicity of our hearts before God, recommend to our Churches generally in Alabama, to take the matter under their immediate consideration, and make such provision for their ministers, as shall enable them to devote all their time and talents to the ministry, unto which God has called them.

Resolved, That we hold in the highest esteem, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and that we view with pleasing anticipation, the great and good result of their labors of love, and we recommend this society to the consideration and patronage of our brethren in Alabama.

Resolved further, That we highly approve the proceedings of the Mission Society, in our own State, whose last annual meeting was held at Spring Hill, Marengo county. And we recommend their example as worthy the imitation of our brethren throughout the State.

Resolved, That we earnestly solicit all the Associations in this State, to spread on the face of their Minutes, the number of benevolent societies, such as Bible, Tract, and Temperance societies, Sabbath schools, &c., in their respective bodies.

Resolved, That we solicit the clerks of all the Associations in the State to send a copy of their last Minutes to the corresponding secretary of the Convention, at Greensborough, so as to reach that place before the next annual meeting, and that they continue to do so from year to year.

Resolved, That we do believe that we are engaged in the great

and good work of the Lord; and that we sincerely and earnestly, in the name of our God solicit the co-operation of our brethren and friends throughout the State; we entreat them in love, to send delegates from Societies, Churches and Associations, to sit with us in our Conventional capacity, in order to attend to the good work of the Lord.

Viewing with the deepest regret, the inroads making in our highly favored country, by the subjects of the *Man of Sin*, and believing that a combination has been formed, to destroy our free institutions, subvert our liberties, and overturn our government. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to all christians, especially the denomination to which we belong, that they humble themselves before Almighty God, and endeavor to be sincerely engaged in prayer, at a throne of grace, that God may avert the impending storm, and save our country from the machinations of the emissaries of Papish darkness.

Resolved, That we recommend the perusal of the "Downfall of Babylon," edited by Samuel B. Smith, of New York.

Resolved, That the Convention recommend to the Trustees of the Manual Labour Institute, to make such provision in their rules for the government of the Institution, that it shall be the duty of the professors to lead their respective classes in the performance of labour.

WHEREAS, we are informed that Brother Bestor anticipates making a tour through the northern States, during the next year: Therefore.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Manual Labour Institution, to put into his hands the means necessary to procure a Chemical and Philosophical apparatus, and to defray all attendant expenses.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, be ex-officio the Treasurer of the education fund of the Convention.

Resolved, That in future, all public collections taken on the Sabbath at the meetings of this body, be applied to the use of Foreign Missions, except the donor give special instructions to the contrary.

Resolved, That we appoint Brethren McWilliams, H. Hawthorn, G. W. Raines, Jesse Rives and W. H. Holcombe, to travel as Domestic Missionaries during the approaching year, and spend so much of their time as may be practicable, in visiting the destitute; and that the unmarried brethren receive one dollar per day, and those who have families, at the rate of five hundred dollars per year, for the time of actual service—all expenses paid by the Convention.

Resolved further, That Brethren Scott, Travis and Longmire, be a committee for the southern district, and Brethren H. Holcombe, D. Buck and J. A. Hodges, for the northern, to advise with those Brethren relative to their respective fields of labor.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this body, be instructed to pay

over all monies he may have in hand, for the use of the Manual Labour Institution, to the Treasurer of the Trustees; also to hand over to him, all subscriptions he may hold for that purpose.

Resolved, That Brother McCraw, be requested to act as collector on the subscriptions for Perry county and other places if convenient.

Appointed the next meeting of the Convention, to take place at Fellowship Church, Wilcox county, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in November next.

Adjourned until Tuesday morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Nov. 10.

The Convention met, and after prayer by Brother Devotie, proceeded to business.

The committee on Foreign Missions, by Brother Devotie, reported as follows:

Brother President—

An engine is in motion, propelled by an Almighty energy, which all the combined powers of error and opposition, can never impede—its course is onward, levelling in a common ruin, the obstacles raised to obstruct its passage. It is the power of wisdom, guided by eternal truth. Christians have simultaneously awoke from their long slumbers, to anticipate the dawn of the Millennial day. They have raised the Cross on high; and in triumph, they are bearing it to every land, exclaiming, "it is the power of God, and the wisdom of God; to every one that believeth." Moral death trembles upon his throne, unlooses his grasp upon his victims, they spring to life and bow to Jehovah.

The Baptists were the first in Europe, who put forth the hand and drove away the veil of heathen darkness, and poured in the glorious light of the Love of Righteousness, upon the dark places of the earth.

American Baptists have not been idle; they have determined that they would put forth a mighty effort, and never be satisfied until Christ shall reign the King of Nations, as he now rules King of Saints. Nor have they determined in vain. The board have under their direction 25 stations, 72 Missionaries, including printers and teachers, 40 native preachers, teachers, catechists &c. 18 Churches, 1350 church members, 600 scholars, and five printing presses.

The Old and New Testaments, have been translated into Burmese by Brother Judson, and the press will soon enable their Missionaries to put them into the hands of the benighted millions of that dark land. Tracts are distributed and so anxious are the Burmans to hear of the Eternal God, that they travel many miles to get a few lines of a tract, and often (with sorrow we say it) they are told that Americans will not send them. Brethren of Alabama, hear the message from Burmah, "Tell your brethren (say they to our missionaries) to send us the book which tells of an Eternal God, for we are sinking into Hell." Shall those heathens hear of God?

The Karens are anxious to embrace the Cross; many have been brought from Sin and Satan unto God; they have portions of Scripture in their language. Before 1833, 128 Burmans were baptised and 257 Karens: In the year 1833, 15 Burmans and 35 Karens—whole number of converts, 147 Burmans and 292 Karens. While also much good has been done among foreigners, of whom 153 have joined the Church.

The borders of China, appear to be crumbling into dust; the day is near at hand, when the Chinese will call upon us louder than we may imagine. Chinese converts in Burmah, we hope, are preparing to enter that vast field.

A mission has been established in France, from which much good is anticipated. Brother and Sister Willmarth, have been sent from America to Paris.

Germany has produced an Oncken, and others, who are aided by our subscriptions in disseminating truth in Catholic Germany. A Church has been constituted at Hamburg, and is in a flourishing condition.

Ethiopia, stretches forth her hand to God, and a number of gospel churches have been established, which may be the buddings of a greater abundance.

The darkness of the American forests has been explored by our Missionaries—we have stations among a number of tribes, and the result of their operations have been such, as the word of God warrants us to expect. "The Lion has been turned to the Lamb."

And your committee believe that the day is near when the soft and melodious song of Zion shall be heard, where now the shrill war whoop resounds; and the tomahawk and scalping knife shall be buried forever. If we urge on the mighty cause of education, bible and tract distribution, and through Missionary effort, we know that the Millennial day will soon dawn upon the world. God requires us to bring all the tythes into the store house, that there may be meat "in my house and prove me herewith, saith the Lord, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing so that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Do this—

"And beneath the influence of his grace,
The barren waste shall rise,
With sudden greens and fruits arrayed
A blooming paradise."

Brethren, God complains, "My people perish for the lack of knowledge." As you love God—as you love the sons of men, your committee would entreat you to hasten! Oh hasten! for if we pause—if we hesitate, they perish forever. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was received, and will appear in its proper place.

On motion, it was agreed, that the superintendant have 1500 copies of these Minutes printed, and that he be distributing agent.

Appointed Brethren Everett and McCraw, as corresponding messengers to the Mulberry Association. Brother McCraw to write the letter. The same to Canaan, Brother Everett to write. Brethren H. Holcombe, Peterson and Rockett, to the Coosa River, Brother Rockett to write.

Appointed Brother Crow, to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of this body, and Brother H. Holcombe, in case of failure. Brother Dossey to preach the Missionary sermon, and Brother McCraw his alternate.

Agreed, that the Superintendent receive \$25 for his services.

On motion, agreed, that in future the expenses of the Convention be defrayed from its several funds, in proportion to the amount of each.

Ordered, That the Superintendent draw upon the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the board of Trustees, for the money necessary to defray the expense of printing and for his services.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Convention retain the monies for Domestic Missions, and that he pay over those for Foreign Missions to the Treasurer of the General Convention. Adjourned.

HOSEA HOLCOMBE, *President.*

A. J. HOLCOMBE, *Secretary.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Joseph Ryan,	Gray Huckabee,
D. P. Bestor,	W. R. Hinton,
W. T. Hendon,	J. L. Goree,
J. A. Hendon,	A. J. Holcombe,
J. H. Croom,	Harris Tinker,
Green Huckabee,	C. H. Cleaveland.
W. H. Lawrence,	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hosea Holcombe, <i>President.</i>	W. H. Lawrence,
Chas. Crow, } <i>Vice Presidents.</i>	Langdon Goree,
Jos. Ryan, }	J. L. Goree,
A. J. Holcombe, <i>Rec. Secretary.</i>	E. D. King,
D. P. Bestor, <i>Cor. Do.</i>	W. R. Hinton,
A. G. McCraw, <i>Treasurer.</i>	George Everett,
Joseph Pack,	L. B. Lane,
W. J. Croom,	Alford Callaway,
G. W. Hendon,	W. T. Hendon.

THE CONSTITUTION, Of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama.

Article 1st. This Body shall be called the Baptist State Convention of Alabama.

Art. 2nd. We, the members of this Convention, believing it to be for the Glory of God, and the prosperity of the Kingdom of the dear Redeemer, do adopt the following, as the fundamental principles of our Constitution.

Art. 3d. We, agreeing with the Baptist denomination generally, take the Holy Bible, the Old and New Testaments, as the only rule of Faith and Practice in Religion; and are united in the belief of the following Doctrine as contained in the Scriptures, namely:

That there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man, Christ Jesus, and that in the God-Head, are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That mankind without exception, are in their natural state sinners, totally destitute of Holiness, and are in themselves, entirely helpless.

That Faith is the only instrument of Justification, and is the gift of God, and is wrought in the heart by the Spirit of God, by and with the Word heard or read.

That Salvation is wholly of the free and sovereign Grace of God, through the atonement, righteousness, and mediation of Jesus Christ, by the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit, and the belief of the Truth.

That there will be a Resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general Judgment.

That the Righteous will be received into everlasting happiness, and that the Wicked will be driven away into everlasting punishment.

We hold that the Church of Christ Militant is composed of such as possess saving Faith, and that those only who exhibit credible evidence of faith in Christ should be baptised, agreeably to his commandment, by being immersed in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and that it is the duty and privilege of such to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

That it is our duty to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but they, being incapable of professing faith in Christ, are not according to the Gospel, fit subjects for baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe in the Divine appointment of the first day of the week as the Lord's day, and that we should meet on that day, according to the example of the primitive Saints, for the public social worship of God; and that it is the duty of the Preacher to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Art. 4th. This body shall be composed of citizens of Alabama, and members of the Baptist Church only, namely: such as are delegated by auxiliary Societies, Associations, or Churches, together with all other members of our church, who shall authorize their names to be recorded, and shall be annual subscribers, to any of the particular objects of this Convention.

Art. 5th. Every Society, Association, or Church, which shall become auxiliary to this Convention, shall have the privilege of sending five delegates to its annual meetings.

Art. 6th. The objects of this Convention, shall be to unite the Baptists

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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A'mt. rec'd. from Delegates and others at the last con.,	152 16½	126 02	28½
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do. from the same for printing Burmah Bibles,	32 00		
do. Bethany ch. and cong. in W. co. Ala., for pr. B. B.	28 12½		
do. from Mt. Pleasant ch. and congregation,	28 00		
do. do. Leonrad Scott, treas. of the Bethlehem M. so.	103 75		
do. do. do.	15 00	23 50	20
do. do. John Crampton,	2 50	2 50	
do. do. Tuscaloosa county so.,	30 37½	11 25	11
do. do. donation by a friend present,		1 00	
do. do. Joseph Ryan,	4 00		
do. do. Jeel Lipscomb,	5 00		
do. do. Thomas Chiles,	2 50		
do. do. Perry county Missionary society,	102 00	2 00	10
do. do. Shiloh female Burmah Bible society,	16 50		
do. do. H. Holcombe, agent of the convention,	40 75		307½
do. do. Canaan church, Jefferson county,	5 00		
do. do. sundry persons on subscription,			930
Collection on the Sabbath,	57 28		
TOTAL	661 91½	185 27	397½
Paid H. Holcombe for services as agent,	155 55		1828
“ Treasurer of Trustees per H. Holcombe,	220 60		
“ Superintendant and printing minutes,	75 00		
“ Treasurer of Foreign Board of Missions,	132 00		
“ Treasurer of Board of Trustees,	200 00		
“ A. J. Holcombe, for rep'g a house for Ma. La. An.	105 00		
“ J. G. Crossland, for work done in bu'd ho's for M. L. I.	54 00		
“ J. H. Worthington for services as agent,	457 87		
“ A. C. Horton, Treasurer of Board of Trustees,	1624 75		
“ H. Holcombe for services as agent,	393 12½		
“ A. C. Horton, Treasurer of Board of Trustees,	256 85		
	3874 14½		1828
Amount remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,			955
Amount of subscriptions for the Man. Lab. Institute,			12436
Amount supposed to be on subscription not now accessible to the Secretary,			1600
TOTAL,			14989







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